

structures presently occupied by the University on the Boulder campus and by the University of Colorado Medical School in Denver.

Professional organizational membership of Dean Eckel includes American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, Colorado Engineering Council, American Society for Engineering Education, American Concrete Institute, Colorado Society of Engineers, Colorado Schoolmaster's Club, Colorado Education Society, and other educational groups. A.S.C.E. offices include Director of District 16, President of the Colorado Section, and membership on the Society's Committee on Engineering Education, on Registration, and on Student Chapters. Dean Eckel has been President of the Colorado Engineering Council, National President and Director of the Western Zone of the National Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners, and a member of the Colorado State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors since 1942. He is an honorary associate of the Colorado Chapter, American Institute of Architects.

Eckel became a member of Sigma Tau on June 19, 1914 as one of the charter members of Iota Chapter, University of Colorado. He has maintained an active interest in Sigma Tau and is a frequent visitor at chapter banquets and functions. He also holds membership in Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, and Chi Epsilon. He has twice been National President of Chi Epsilon.

After his retirement from the University of Colorado staff in June, Dean Eckel, who is 68, will lecture at San Diego State College in San Diego, California, as a Visiting Professor of Engineering. His main activity will probably be graduate instruction in civil engineering.

Most recently Eckel was cited by the Associated Engineering Students for his long and unselfish service to the institution and was presented the Student Appreciation Award. He has also been awarded the title Dean Emeritus, College of Engineering, University of Colorado.

EDUCATION COMPLETED

(As taken from the June 17, 1960 issue of *The Tulsa Tribune*)

"Other city boys who are completing their educations this week include —."

We mused over this line in an out-of-state paper. "Completing their educations" is a common reporter's cliché. And then we recalled Abraham Flexner.

Flexner died last September at the age of 93. He was one of nine children of a Jewish pack peddler in Kentucky. He worked his way through high school, got a scholarship and finished a regular course in Johns Hopkins University in two years, and started out to teach Greek, Latin, English, algebra and physiology.

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He became a Harvard professor, and in 1907 the Carnegie Foundation hired him to investigate the 155 medical colleges in the United States. His expose of many of these diploma mills shocked the nation. Most of them went out of business and American medicine began to take on stature.

Flexner persuaded the Rockefellers to start their great medical foundation, and then with Bamberger money he set up the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, the world's most famous center of pure research. His years were jammed with fruitful activity.

In his 80s Flexner began to brood about all the things he ought to know about. He enrolled in a number of classes at Columbia University, and his astonished classmates and professors found him witty, eager and able to knock off top grades.

Last fall Abraham Flexner finally "completed his education." But he wouldn't have if they hadn't buried him.

EPSILON SELECTS OUTSTANDING PLEDGE

Epsilon Chapter has initiated a practice of selecting an outstanding pledge from each pledge class to reward the individual who displayed the most outstanding interest and performance in the execution of his pledge duties. Fred William Loseke was the winner in the Spring 1960 class. His essay "Pledgeship in Sigma Tau," which follows, is cited as an example of the regard of a pledge for Sigma Tau membership.

PLEDGESHIP IN SIGMA TAU

By Fred William Loseke, Epsilon Chapter '60

To be selected as a Sigma Tau pledge was an honor which I shall long remember. Since engineering is my chosen profession, it will add prestige to my record to belong to the honorary engineering fraternity.

As a pledge of Sigma Tau, I was expected to fulfill certain obligations. During my period of pledgeship, I was required to obtain the signatures of active and alumni members of Sigma Tau. This gave me a chance to meet and talk with other Sigma Tau members and to exchange opinions and ideas with them. Many of the members are in different majors and talking to them gave me an appreciation of the problems in their field.

The final stage of the pledge training was a pledge project which consisted of whitewashing the huge K.S. letters on a nearby hill. These letters were built in 1930 by the K.S. engineers. This activity was a combination of horseplay and hard work. It taught me the value of cooperation in accomplishing a group task.

The value of membership in Sigma Tau depends on the individual effort which is put forth by each member. Much self satisfaction and accomplishment may be achieved if a person works hard for the organization.